Kentucky Food Safety Branch

Tattoo/Piercing Regulatory Updates
Tattoo & Body Piercing Studio Inspection Check List



Cleaning and Sterilization

If using	g any reusable instruments:
	Clean room – one (1) room or two (2) room setup:
	o Two (2) room setup has one room for contaminated items with utility sink, hand sink, presoak container,
	ultrasonic, autoclave materials. Second room contains the autoclave. All equip. in good repair.
	 One (1) room setup has two distinct areas; nonporous barriers may be used to separate. Utility sink,
	hand sink, presoak container, ultrasonic, autoclave materials – autoclave at the opposite end.
	Approved autoclave:
	 Meets minimum requirements as verified by negative spore test
	Autoclaving reusable instruments/jewelry:
	 Appropriate single-use glove use/ handling of reusable instruments
	 Reusable instruments soaked & run through ultrasonic prior to autoclaving
	 Sterilization bags w/ color code indicator which changes color upon proper sterilization
	 Sterilization bags labeled with contents, date, lot number, preparer's initials
	 Sterilization dates of no more than 6 months prior to inspection
	 Adequate number of sterilized supplies
If using	g only disposable/single use instruments/materials/supplies, (no clean room/autoclave/ultrasonic required):
	No re-use of any single use articles
	Adequate number of supplies
Records and Procedure	
	If reusable instruments are sterilized, biological indicator test results for each unit:
	 Performed at least monthly
	 With records maintained (paper or electronic), available to inspector
	Studio certified w/ health department and permit posted
	If autoclave used, sterilizer log system (paper or electronic) including date of run, operator, content & lot
	number, exposure time, temp, results of chemical indicator.
	Records for restrictions on minors; signed, written, notarized consent from parent/legal guardian
	Written, verbal, or electronic advisory and aftercare instructions including:
	 Information on aftercare of site
	 Information on side effects; signs and symptoms of infection
	Inventory and invoices (paper or electronic) for all purchased pre-sterilized instruments
	Client records (paper or electronic) kept for 2 years, available to inspector, including:
	 Studio name and date, name of artist
	 Name, date of birth, address, phone number, copy/photo of ID
	 Type, location, and description of procedure
	 Attestation that client is not intoxicated
	Pigments labeled with lot numbers
	Proper bandaging being utilized – Saniderm/Tegaderm, Dri-Loc Pads
	Areas to be tattooed/pierced being cleaned, appropriate antiseptic applied

Facili [.]	ty Requirements
	Floors and walls nonporous, smooth, and easy-to-clean Ceilings/ buildings in good repair, clean, neat Lighting as required:
Perso	onnel
	Artists/piercers following handwashing procedures Artists/piercers not eating, drinking, smoking/vaping in the workstation Disposable gloves available; artists/piercers wearing disposable gloves during procedures Artist/piercer registrations current, posted in workstation Artists/piercers healthy, not working while infected with communicable diseases transmitted by blood, with open skin wounds, or with respiratory infections Artist/piercer completion of bloodborne pathogen training; documentation maintained & available Artists/piercers working in clean clothes
Work	stations
	 Separate room w/door for body piercing studio, if necessary Workstations used exclusively for either tattooing or body piercing, with: Unimpeded access to hand sink with hot and cold water under pressure, hands-free operation, soap, single use towels Surfaces including counters, cabinets, chairs and dispensers that are non-porous, easily cleanable, and maintained Proper disinfection of surfaces between clients; approved disinfectant available & used 60 sq. feet of floor space with permanent walls at least four (4) feet high between workstations Adequate storage space for artist supplies
Toile	t/ Handwashing Facilities
	Convenient, clean and sanitary restroom for clients that is: o Properly plumbed o Enclosed, with self-closing doors o Supplied with hand cleanser, single-use towels or hand-drying device, covered waste receptacle
Conta	aminated Sharps/ Waste
	Sharps container located in each workstation Sharps disposed of using a licensed medical waste company Contaminated wastes bagged in appropriate container, securely tied, disposed via general trash hauler
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П	Tattooing/Piercing premises separate from living quarters, free of misc. / unrelated articles